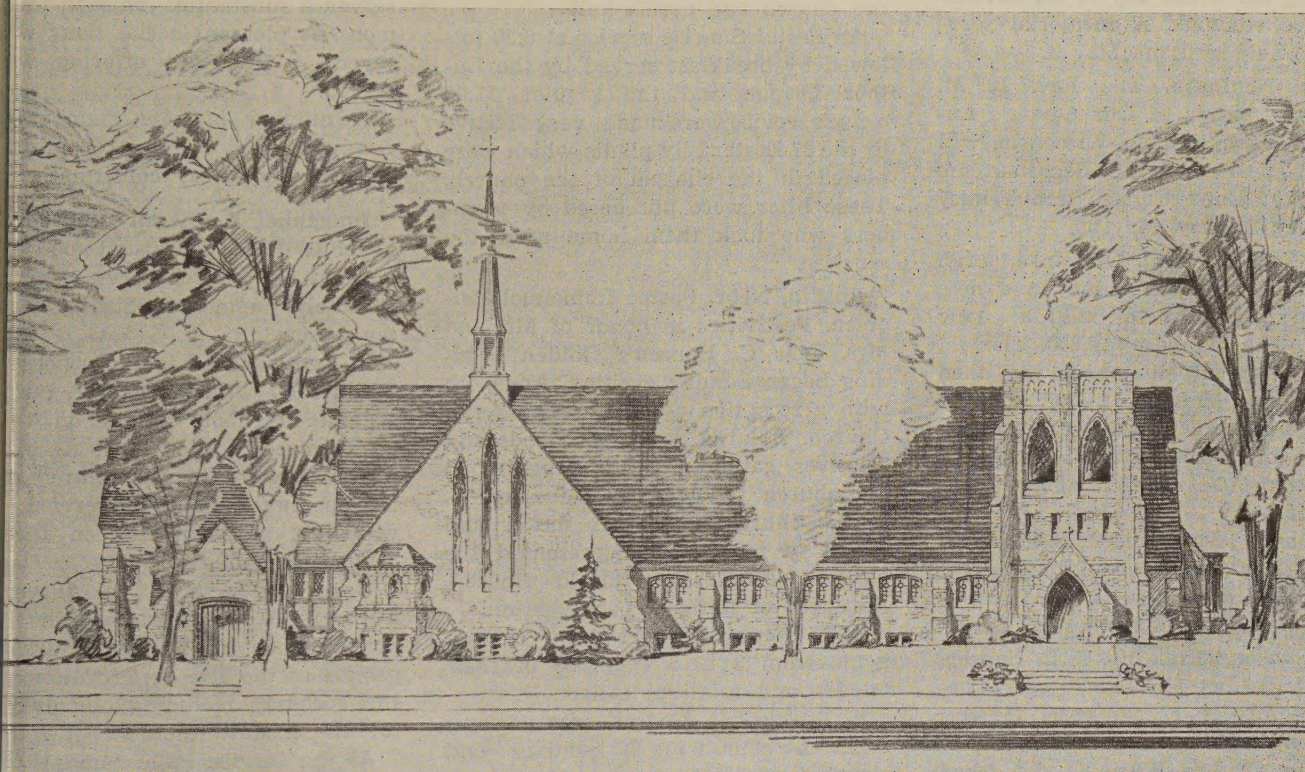


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Our Savior's Lutheran, Racine, Wisconsin

At its April 12 meeting the congregation adopted the architectural sketches and plans for the contemplated new church. The exterior view as seen from Washington Avenue is shown above. The church lies parallel with Washington Avenue about 65 feet back from the sidewalk with the featured entrance extending to about forty feet from the sidewalk. It will be oriented with the altar to the east and connected to the present structure by an all-weather-construction passageway.

The new church is of English Gothic design and cross shaped. The exterior will be of some type of natural stone with color appeal.

The new church will provide about a dozen Sunday school rooms plus space in the parish house. The kitchen will have adequate room with modern equipment in addition to a salad room and pantry. The basement will seat over 340 for dining purposes and in excess of 400 for general meetings.

The plans call for moving the pipe organ from the present church, and space is provided for that. An organ specialist has examined the organ and recommends that it be moved. It would cost about \$25,000 to replace it.

The seating capacity of the sanctuary will be in excess of 600 and a maximum capacity for overflow of over 800.

The estimated cost of construction for everything exclusive of pews and pipe organ moving is \$260,000.00. Estimate of cost of pews is \$10,000.00 and for moving the organ \$1,400.00. The Building Finance committee reported that the needed debt even if the cost should go to \$280,000.00 could be amortized in ten years at the rate of \$1,165.00 per month—less than one-third of what is being received into the building fund now. The Rev. L. M. Andersen is pastor of the church.

News and Notes

Blair, Nebraska. Dr. Noel J. Logan, 53, Instructor of Voice at Dana College, died May 1 at a Council Bluffs, Iowa, hospital of injuries suffered in an auto accident two days before. Dr. Logan was returning from the Dana campus where he had spent the day giving private lessons in voice. Dr. Logan joined the Dana staff in 1950 as a part-time Instructor of Voice. He spent each Thursday on the campus, devoting the whole day to his advanced voice students. A memorial service was held at Dana May 3.

Blair, Nebraska. The Rev. L. M. Andersen, pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Racine, Wisconsin, will be the speaker at the Baccalaureate Service at Dana College and Trinity Seminary Sunday, May 30.

Los Angeles, Calif. Olivet Lutheran Church has bought 10 lots in a new location on which to build a new church. The lots cost \$66,000. The old church with all equipment was then sold to the Missouri Synod for the use of a colored mission. The congregation got \$95,000 for the property which must be vacated about January 1955.

The new location is a rapidly developing area, which should have great possibilities. The Rev. J. M. Girtz is pastor of the Olivet Lutheran Church.

Hutchinson, Minn. Mr. C. B. Hansen, also known as "Brorson," passed away recently at the age of 94. He was the oldest member of the Main Street Lutheran Church. When he was asked if he could hear the sermon on Sundays he answered, "I just love to be in God's house on Sunday." In his younger days he was very active in the church, serving as deacon, Sunday school teacher and choir member. He was a member of the church for 64 years. Last July he and his wife celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Farmington, Minn. The Farmington Lutheran Church, Robert P. Hansen, pastor, had great cause for rejoicing this Easter Sunday. For the first time the news of Christ's resurrection was rung out over the air covering the entire community through the new Chimes system.

About five months ago a chimes fund was started in memory of Mrs.

Chris Topp, one of our faithful members who passed away at that time. Our people caught the vision of what a witness our church could be to the community with a system whereby hymns could be played out over the air, so without any soliciting of any kind, in 9 weeks time the fund had grown to \$1500, enough to purchase the system. Chimes can be played either in the church only, outdoors only or both inside and out at the same time; also, a complete loud speaking system has been installed throughout the entire church and parish hall.

An Easter Sunrise service at 6:30 followed by breakfast served by the Lutheran League and the regular 11:00 o'clock service were made very festive by the 27 Easter Lily plants which were placed in the chancel of the church. These lilies were purchased by members who took them home after the services.

Ruskin, Nebr. Pastor Immanuel Petersen. Festivities in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jens C. Hansen's Golden Wedding began Sunday evening, April 4th with a reception at Bethany Lutheran Church. A large group of friends and relatives gathered for a program in the church followed by refreshments in the church parlors. A rocker and a gift of money were presented the honored couple by Harold Hansen, President of Bethany congregation.

Open house was held in the Hansen home from 3 to 5 when 53 of their friends and relatives called.

At 8 o'clock a program was presented at the church for 90 relatives and close friends. Refreshments were served later in the evening. Children and relatives came from far and near.

The fact that Mr. Hansen's 92-year-old mother, Mrs. Caroline Hansen, was very ill in a Superior Hospital was the only thing that marred the happy days.

Since then Mrs. Hansen's health has improved some. A few days ago she was taken by ambulance back to Bethany Home at Minden where she had been living previous to her illness.

Bethany Lutheran Church at Ruskin held their annual Spring Mission Meetings April 22-25. Pastor Verner Carlsen of Council Bluffs, Iowa and his brother Pastor Stanley Carlsen of Shelby, Iowa were guest speakers.

Pastor Verner Carlsen gave a lesson in Colossians at Bethany Church. Pastor Stanley Carlsen a study lesson at Bethel Church.

The services were well attended and the messages excellent.

On Palm Sunday in the evening the Daughters of Bethany accompanied the choir presented a religious play entitled "The Challenge of the Cross" to a large audience. Following the play those members of the Daughters of Bethany whose birthdays are due during the months of April, May, and June served a substantial lunch in the church. A pleasant social hour was enjoyed. A free will offering was received.

A number of new members were received Palm Sunday, 3 adults by baptism and 2 by confirmation.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn. The usual good attendance at our church services was considerably augmented during the Lenten season.

In Lent we had joint services every Wednesday with Eben-Ezer, our Anishinabe neighbor church on the opposite street corner from us. All meetings were in our church except the opening communion service which was held at Eben-Ezer on the first Thursday in Lent.

Good Friday the five "Riverfront" Lutheran churches had a joint three hour service in Bethany church; the pastors of the five congregations were the speakers including our own pastor, K. M. Matthiesen.

At the service Palm Sunday twelve adults and fifteen children were received into fellowship with our congregation and on the Sunday after Easter four young people were confirmed having received two years of instruction. The congregation is happy and grateful for the new members and mindful of the efforts and work applied in the preparation. We praise our pastor, that God will bless them all in fellowship with us, and in fellowship with them.

NOTICE

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Lutheran Publishing House will be held in Blair, Nebraska, Monday, May 17, 1954.

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Editorials and Comments

MERGER SILENCE

we have remarked that there is too much silence about the proposed merger. No one seems to write about it. Lay people do not speak about it.

E.L.C. has had a number of conferences about the merger, which were commended by Pastor Henry N. Jensen. Of course, we think such conferences are good. We believe the silence is indicative of the fact that the merger is considered a natural one. No one gets excited when an ordinary couple who have been engaged some time get married. It is only when there is something special about one of the parties, that people get excited. If she is born without one arm and then she marries a strong athlete, or if she is 40 and he is 20 years younger, then people talk.

When we have been engaged in so much joint work, we are surprised in so many ways, that people might soon begin to wonder why we do not get married.

So, we simply want to state that the silence indicates disagreement. If people don't agree they generally don't talk. We believe it is because they are in favor of the merger but that they are silent.

SYNOD MEMBERSHIP IN THE PAST YEAR

The following statistics from Pastor P. C. Jensen, district statistician, have just come to us:

	Bapt.	Conf.	Adult	Comm.
Pacific	2428	1578	1237	1192
Nebraska	3092	1955	1684	1595
Wisconsin	10636	6995	5891	5471
Minnesota	6999	4457	3791	3379
Dakota-Mont.	13468	8672	7445	6331
North Dakota	2702	1752	1417	996
South Dakota	5937	4010	3375	3513
Illinois	6943	4399	3791	3567
Canada	1724	1091	909	788
For Synod	53929	34909	29540	26832
For year	51640	33700	28222	24713
	2289	1209	1318	2119

There is a gain of 4.4 per cent over the past year. The Pacific District lost 147 members. The rest of the district showed gains. Here are the gains: Iowa 649; Nebraska 408; Minnesota 273; North Dakota-Montana 107; Illinois 136; West Canada 64; Wisconsin 101.

On a percentage basis the gains were: Pacific 9 per cent; North Dakota-Montana 8 per cent; Nebraska 7 per cent; Illinois 4.6 per cent; Iowa 4.4 per cent; Minnesota 4 per cent; Wisconsin almost 1 per cent; West Canada almost 1 per cent.

The total financial status of the churches is about the same as last year. The total income was \$1,935,654.00. Last year it was \$1,791,831.00.

The total valuation of synod's churches and institutions is \$8,225,520.00, an increase of \$534,695.00. Total indebtedness is \$1,085,497.00; \$211,670.00 was paid off the past year.

This is just a rough statement of finances. A number of considerations should perhaps be made because we make loans to ourselves on the endowment funds.

It should also be noted that the synod and the churches have special funds on hand to the amount of \$432,112.

The synod has 184 congregations, served by 138 pastors in 144 parishes. When the candidates this year are placed there will be only one or two vacancies.

Please note, that these figures are based on the reports from the congregations for the year 1953 and not the synodical fiscal year ending April 30, 1954. Furthermore, many gifts from individuals are perhaps not recorded with the local treasurer, but sent direct to the synodical treasurer or vice versa. Thus the summaries here and those later by the synodical president may vary somewhat in regard to benevolence and income.—P.C.J.

ONLY ONE ENEMY

A news report from London indicates that the largest Lutheran church in Warsaw, Poland, has been converted into a concert hall by Communist authorities. The officials removed a large wooden cross from the dome after it was confiscated for secular purposes.

Christians who have worked hard to build churches rightly feel indignant at the heartless way in which places of worship are taken over by totalitarian governments. Even though we glory in a cross that cannot be defiled because it still towers o'er the wrecks of time, we cannot lightly accept the confiscation of churches and their conversion to places of entertainment.

Yet have we not observed how easy it is, even in our own land of freedom, for churches to be "converted" to purposes that seem far removed from preaching the gospel? It is easy to identify the totalitarian threat of communism. How about the totalitarian threat of indifference, selfishness, pride and hatred? These powerful forces also menace the church as a kind of fifth column that corrupts from within. There may be little we can do about abandoned churches behind the iron curtain, but there are many things we can do to reactivate our neighborhood churches.

Leslie Weatherhead, noted British preacher, put the matter plainly when he told American ministers after his arrival here, "I do not believe there is one evil that wouldn't go down before the united action of the churches of your country and mine. There is only one enemy—sin. What are we waiting for?"—Gospel Messenger.

"Blessed Are the Pure in Heart, For They Shall See God"

By J. H. Thomsen

Pathetic, but true, the Church of God has in some places almost lost sight of its founder and become apostate! When men follow the natural inclinations of the heart, these things happen, even as Jesus said, **"For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander."** Matt. 15:19. These terrible thoughts of the heart then turn into action!

Listen to the conversation round about you, observe the actions of men and you will discover what is their food for thought, for **"with what the heart is full of, the mouth runneth over."** Finding no thrills in the brand of Christianity which they see around them and perhaps practice, they search elsewhere. Several times a day many of them run their feelings and emotions through some murder mystery on the radio, or read about "True Life" in all its horror! or see on the screen "The Inevitable Triangle", filled with deceit and adultery! Exhausted, nervous, irritable they come through these thrillers, unfit for their daily exacting task of providing a living and promoting the Kingdom of God! Truly, America is filled with people: whose nerves are raw, whose hearts quake from fear of life, who are plagued with hypertension, high blood pressure, and heart ailments!

Being filled with all these other things, there is little room to feed on the Word of God, to associate with the people of God, to share that Word with others, to take part in Bible study and attend church, to seek the Lord in Intimate fellowship. In such a state of mind, we shall never be able to see God; for only "the pure in heart shall see God."

Are you willing to have your heart cleansed so that you truly can see God? Are you willing to confess the sins of your heart as they reveal themselves to YOU AND GOD ALONE, or can it be that your thoughts are so pure that you could have them filmed anytime?

Have you noticed how you sometimes think all the way through a temptation, and apparently enjoy toying

with a sin you never intend to commit, as a man with the idea of getting drunk, or of giving a good licking to someone he does not like. Friend, guard your thought life for the imaginations of the heart can be very evil! Stop an evil thought the moment it begins. You remember the three little monkeys, one covering its eyes, one its ears and one its mouth, and underneath inscribed, "See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil."

INSTEAD, DRAW NEAR TO GOD AND THROUGH HIS HOLY SPIRIT'S HELP and your own will, fill your heart with GOOD THOUGHTS! Cultivate pure thinking by reading the Word of God, hearing whenever possible. Determine to read good books of literature, sing and listen to good music, and don't let and razz your soul into a frenzy! Practice the constant presence of God in your thought life and as your thoughts are cleansed and dwell within the goodness and positive, they shall also produce action by the help of the Holy Spirit.

Above all, determine by God's grace to walk in the presence of God observing the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ, as set forth in his Sermon on the Mount and elsewhere, the kernel of which is the Great Commandment, **"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength; thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."** Living according to that commandment, we shall truly have the privilege of seeing God, for **"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."**

On my heart imprint Thine image,
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares and pleasures,
Have no power Thee to efface;
This the superscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation,
And my glory and salvation.

Whatever position a man or woman occupies should be one in which Christ is the Lord of life. A Christian cannot be a mere businessman; he cannot be a mere teacher; he cannot be a mere lawyer he cannot be a mere doctor; he cannot be a mere carpenter. He must be a Christian businessman; he must be a Christian teacher; he must be a Christian lawyer; he must be a Christian doctor; he

must be a Christian carpenter. Whatever his vocation may be, and whatever his sex, color, or location, he must recognize, accept and practice the Lordship of Christ in respect to his calling. He must bring Christ to bear upon his life work. "The secular" does not enter in the life of the Christian. Everything is sacred. —Charles J. Woodbridge and Harold Lindsell in *Handbook of Christian Truth* (Revell)

CHURCH NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE



Problems of the downtown city church, once in a fashionable neighborhood but now surrounded by slums, are told in "City Story," latest motion picture produced by the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches of Christ. In this scene, Warner Anderson, who plays the role of pastor, finds June Kenney, a girl who recently moved into his neighborhood, in the hands of police.

CITY STORY, the latest production of the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., is available for showings in churches. It was announced by Rev. S. Frank Mack, Commission Director. The picture had its premiere in Hollywood and other cities on May 14.

The most recent motion picture in the home missions series deals with problems of the big city church, located in the heart of the most fashionable section of town and supported by a well-to-do congregation, now surrounded by business and industry. "The City" is the National Council's home mission study theme for 1954-55.

Ann Ford, the well-known Hollywood star, is featured in the role of the pastor at the opening and closing of the picture.

The decision the congregation must make is whether to make drastic changes in the type of help the church of the community or to abandon the old and build a new church in the slums. A sharp difference of opinion exists among the members of the congregation but the pastor offers a simple solution. Some leave to build the

badly needed new church in the suburbs while others stay behind to wrestle with problems of playgrounds for children, housing and prevention of juvenile delinquency.

Against this background, **CITY STORY** tells a moving tale of a young girl, once part of a youth fellowship in her home town church, who finds no companionship when her family moves to a rooming house in the big city. Instead, she finds friends who soon involve her with the police.

How Betty Bates, played by the Hollywood starlet June Kenney, finds the church ready to help when she needs help most is recounted in a heart-warming and frequently gripping portrayal. Warner Anderson, as the minister, Ann Doran, as Betty's mother, and Herbert C. Lytton, as the hard-working but ineffectual father, also contribute excellent performances.

INDIA DEBATES MISSION RIGHTS

Tiruvalla, Travancore-Cochin, India. —Christian missions and missionaries have again become a subject for debate in the Indian parliament. This latest outburst began on March 24 when the old question of Baptist ac-

tivities among the hill tribes in Assam came to the fore. On March 10 the chief minister of Assam had told its legislature that Baptist missionaries were abetting "a foreign conspiracy to separate the Naga hills from India and retain it as an independent foothold." The Council of Baptist Churches in Assam denied the charges, but members of the Indian National Assembly nevertheless questioned the home minister about them.

K. N. Katju, the home minister, said that an inquiry is under way, and that if there is any truth in the charges the missionaries involved must be Americans. But that failed to still the clamor. During the first week of this month Maniben Patel, daughter of the deceased long-time leader of the Congress party, returned to the attack. Miss Patel represents a Bombay constituency. She agreed that every religious group in India should have freedom to propagate its faith. But, she argued, this should not mean freedom to convert illiterate people living in the hills or children too young to understand what was being done to them. Many reports had reached her of what she regarded as illegitimate methods of proselyting resorted to by missionaries.

Missionaries a Menace

Miss Patel claimed that she would have no objection if all India was converted to Christianity, provided those concerned understood what they were doing. But she did not believe this to be the case at present, and for that reason she asserted that the work of Christian missionaries is becoming a menace. She called for a government investigation into the number of people in India who have become Christians since independence.

A. Krishnaswamy, independent member from Madras, attempted to defend the missionaries. He contended that the right to propagandize a religious faith would have no meaning unless the right to convert went with it, and that the Indian constitution assures this right not only to citizens but to all residents in India. He stressed the valuable contributions missionaries have made to the welfare of the entire nation.

The home minister, in reply, began by revealing a large increase in the number of missionaries since India became independent. Between 1942 and

1947, he said, there were 1,451 Protestant and 820 Catholic missionaries in India, a total of 2, 271. By 1953 Protestant missionaries numbered 2,814 and Catholics 1,869, a total of 4,683, more than double that at the end of British rule. The government's attitude, he contended, has nothing to do with religion. It results from the problems of law and order which arise when some missionaries present their religion in terms derogatory of other faiths. The Indian people today will not tolerate that sort of thing, so the question of law and order arises.

—Christian Century.

Note: We want to add to the above report from the Christian Century that one of the delegates at the United Nations, during our visit there recently, asked to appear before the church editors. He told us that India was not opposed to missionaries, but he said that India wanted the Indian Christians to do the purely evangelistic work. He said he was a Christian himself, and he thought Christianity should be presented to the Indian people in an Indian dress.—J.M.J.

Christians and Doctor Oppenheimer

American scientists are gravely concerned over the implications of the current investigation into the loyalty of J. Robert Oppenheimer. We share that concern, and at a later time we may comment on those implications. At present, however, it would be improper to discuss the charges against Dr. Oppenheimer since the case is still being heard. But there is one aspect of the ordeal through which Dr. Oppenheimer is passing which should be thought about by Christians. Dr. Oppenheimer is accused of doubtful loyal-

ty, largely on the basis of the innuendo—publicized by Senator McCarthy—that his opposition to switching American atomic efforts to the hydrogen bomb had behind it a desire to see the Russians win the H-bomb race. It is true that Dr. Oppenheimer opposed the shift to H-bomb experimentation; so did many other top scientists on what they believed to be firm scientific grounds. Among them were such men as Robert A. Millikan, Robert Bacher and Vannevar Bush. But it is also true that Dr. Oppenheimer, who built the atom bomb, was one of a number of top physicists who had lived in anguish of conscience and spirit ever since they had seen the harvest of their labors at Hiroshima. When the possibility of building the H-bomb arose, Dr. Oppenheimer joined with David E. Lilienthal, then head of the Atomic Energy Commission, in opposing the attempt on moral as well as scientific grounds until every possibility of nuclear disarmament by negotiation had been exhausted. As the Alsop brothers say, much of his opposition to building the H-bomb came from his "sense of moral horror," his "moral revulsion." We understand that Dr. Oppenheimer is a Jew, but without religious commitments. His position regarding the death bombs is about like that of the other scientists in the Society for Social Responsibility in Science. All these men and women are wrestling with nearly intolerable moral problems in these days. Have Christians any word for their guidance, or any support to offer them if they reject the amoral neutralism which the rivalries of politics would fasten on scientists? If so, Dr. Oppenheimer's ordeal offers an opportunity to speak up.—Christian Century.

Totalitarian Trend

While the U.S. Army was vowing some of its heavy ammunition at Senator Joseph McCarthy in Washington several dozen Protestant clergymen put their names to sober and sweet charges against the senator.

"The whole trend, of which Senator McCarthy is partly cause and partly symptom," said the clergymen, "produced seven destructive effects among 'effects' produced by 'trend,' the clergymen said, are 'It has undermined the safeguard which, in our tradition, citizens protected against arbitrary injury of those in power . . .

"It has divided our people, feeble the forces of extreme nationalism fostering a totalitarian mentality. It has diverted our attention as a nation from the real external danger of communism to a preoccupation with the internal threat of communism at a time when there is less of such internal communism than at any time since the 1930s . . .

"It has shaken the alliance of free nations, and ironically made the free world less able to withstand communism in the places where it is the greatest danger."

The warning against McCarthyism issued by Christian Action, an organization of Protestant churchmen founded in 1951. Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr of Yale Divinity School are honored chairmen. United Lutheran theologians listed as members of the advisory council include Dr. Paul Scherer of Union and Dr. Joseph A. Tiller of Chicago Seminary.

—The Lutheran

CONVENTION NOTICE

The 58th Annual Convention of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Audubon, Iowa, June 15-20 beginning with the opening services Tuesday, June 15 at 8:00 p.m. Our Convention Theme is: "Onward and Upward by the Spirit." All congregations are urged to send delegates, one delegate for each fifty members twenty-one years or over, or major fraction thereof. Delegates will please have credential blanks filled out, bring to the Convention, and give to the Credential Committee. All matters which require convention action should be in the hands of the Church Council by June 1st. See below for further information from the host congregation. May God pour out His rich blessing upon our 58th Convention. Pray for

our Convention.

Hans C. Jersild, President
Lawrence Siersbeck, Secretary

A cordial invitation is extended by Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Audubon, Iowa, to the Synodical Convention delegates, pastors and guests June 15th to 20th.

Lodging will be supplied in private homes in the vicinity. Advance reservation is imperative. For those who prefer to arrange for commercial accommodations, we have four motels and some tourist rooms. We have no hotels. Details and rates will be sent upon request.

Address all reservations and inquiries to Mrs. E. V. Magnussen, Circle Drive, Audubon, Iowa, giving full details as to date of arrival, length of stay, number in party, etc. and whether or not you will have your own car.

Transportation will be furnished from rail stations at Carroll or Audubon upon request. We have bus service from Des Moines and Omaha Davis Bus Lines.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Earl R. Lang, President.

Announcements

COOK WANTED FOR SUMMER MONTHS. To take charge of kitchen at Eben-Herz Home for Rest and Retreat at Evergreen (near Denver), Colorado. — Capacity: 100 persons; salary \$125 per month, room and board. — June 10th—Sept. 10th. P. contact Rev. V. E. Bagger, Superintendent, Eben-Ezer, Brush, Co.

NEBRASKA CHILDREN'S CAMP. The Nebraska District Children's Camp will be held at the Polk Bible Camp Grounds, Polk, Nebr., June 27 to July 1. Opening services will be held for children and persons bringing them Sunday evening and will close with sessions on Saturday morning. An extra day has been added to the camp this year by popular request. Paul Nyholm of Trinity Seminary and (Continued on page 13)

The Church Heeds the Great Commission

SOME COMMENTS ON SECTION 14 IN THE REPORT OF THE JOINT UNION COMMITTEE

By O. G. Malmin, Editor, Lutheran Herald of the E.L.C.

was made plain at the beginning of this series of editorials that one of the chief reasons for forming such bodies is that the member congregations may be able to fulfill the Great Commission of Christ. The **Report** states correctly that the responsibility of preaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments to all nations is too complex and comprehensive a task for the

individual congregation to accomplish effectively by acting independently and alone." So the church body is chiefly in order that many congregations together may be able to do what one cannot do alone.

Chapter XIV of the **Report**, entitled "The Divisions," takes us to the heart of the matter of fulfilling the Great Commission beyond parish boundaries. Actually, nothing else in the **Report** has been leading up to this matter. Church polity, establishment of the church, its geographical divisions, its conventions, its overboards—all these are, so to speak, the foundation necessary in order that the congregations as a church may carry on the mission of the Lord.

This is a simple matter to outline the scope of the Church's world-wide mission. Traditionally, we have divided it into Education, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Charities, and Pensions. Other bodies have used different names at times, and there may be differing interpretations as to the exact limitations of these departments of work. But all agree that they are inclusive and essential. ALC, ELC, LFC, and UELC—all are carrying on work in these areas. And the new church body comes into existence in order that the congregations of the merged Church may continue under one organizational structure what they are doing now under four.

The purpose of Chapter XIV of the **Report** is to establish working principles for heeding the Great Commission. The proposal is that the Church establish Divisions, one for each of the branches of work. The word Division is used instead of Department largely because it is the word which the National Lutheran Council has adopted. Even if it is a matter of no great importance, there is great value in uniformity. Provision is made for six Divisions: American Missions, World Missions, Education, Charities, Publication, and Pensions—exactly the same scope as the corresponding departments of The Evangelical Lutheran Church.

In the Divisions have a number of things in common. In fact, the working committees have been at some pains to establish a pattern which shall be workable for

We have previously reprinted five articles written by Pastor George Schultz of the A.L.C. Here is an article pertaining to Section 14 in the Report. It has to do with the divisions, especially that of Christian education pertaining to the seminaries of the new church. It is reprinted from The Lutheran Herald.

each Division. Avoiding unnecessary detail, the following is the pattern: Only the Church can establish a Division. The Church through its general convention elects members to a Division board, which is the policy-making body for that division. Board membership is uniformly nine, with six-year terms and the possibility of one re-election. The Division boards are charged by the

Church with the task of acting for it in the affairs of the Division, subject to convention legislation and, of course, to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Church. This means that the Division board has a great deal of power, is in fact, autonomous in its own affairs, with the safeguards already mentioned.

Exception to the general pattern is in the Division of Education, which is divided into two departments: Higher Education and Parish Education. Each of these has a church-elected board of nine members. This was the pattern the ELC followed until very recently. Administratively, it pretty much follows that pattern even today, although there is now one board and one executive director. The proposal of the **Report** seems to us quite sensible: the concept of Christian Education as an entity is maintained, while the distinctive characteristics of such Christian Education within the parish and beyond the parish are kept clear by having two departments and two boards.

We do not believe that we need to go into detail as to the arrangements for the various Divisions, except at one point, which will be discussed presently. While there may be minor differences between the proposals for the new Church and what we are accustomed to in the ELC, the differences are so minor that they need not detain us here. Suffice it to say that we in the ELC will feel perfectly at home in the new Church when we come to doing our Kingdom work through the Divisions.

The proposals concerning theological education in the merged Church must be discussed in some detail, since they differ not a little from practices current in the four negotiating bodies. We do not need to emphasize the importance of adequate training of pastors for the Church. In the ELC we place our theological seminaries on a pedestal. The Church itself elects both presidents and professors; of persons elected by our conventions, they alone have life calls. Our "schools of the prophets" are literally carried on the hands of the Church. It is difficult to conceive of anything which a theological sem-

inary of the Church might ask for which the convention of the Church would refuse. All of which is as it should be; all of which, we hope and believe, will continue to be the case in the merged Church.

When the merger is consummated, it will find itself with a situation about as follows: The Lutheran Free Church has one theological seminary—Augsburg in Minneapolis. The United Evangelical Lutheran Church has one—Trinity in Blair, Neb. The American Lutheran Church has two—Capital, in Columbus, Ohio, and Wartburg in Dubuque, Iowa; in addition, the ALC has a co-operative arrangement with The United Lutheran Church in America for training pastors for work in Canada. The Evangelical Lutheran Church has two seminaries—one in St. Paul, one in Saskatoon, Sask., Canada. There is, in other words, at least the possibility of the new Church finding itself with six distinct theological seminaries, in addition to one co-operative venture. It is a bit difficult to see how a situation like that can be justified. Other things being equal, a large number of perpetuated seminaries will tend to perpetuate past loyalties and to retard complete unification. On the other hand, it does not appear either wise or possible to close them all and establish from the ground up one institution on one campus.

The **Report** comes to grips with these problems by making a proposal which, at first, may seem revolutionary. In brief, it is this: "The concept of one theological seminary for the church body shall prevail. The theological seminary will function on a number of campuses. . . . Each unit of the theological seminary may be assigned areas of specialization, as for instance post graduate work, missions, rural ministry, etc."

In somewhat greater detail, here is how this will work: There will be a Board of Regents of the theological seminary, consisting of fifteen members, nominated by the Church Council and elected by the Church at its gen-

eral convention. Since the campuses on which the theological seminary will function may be widely separated, so large a board can function partly through subcommittees, one for each campus. The Board of Regents will work closely with the Board of Education and will, in general, "make provision for the best possible preparation of the on-coming ministry of the church body."

Presidents for the various units and permanent professors will be elected by the general convention. The nominating procedure will be that the Board of Regents will issue a call to the membership of the church body to submit names of persons deemed qualified. When the resulting list has been published, "the Board of Regents and the Board of Higher Education, with the president of the church body presiding and with the head of each unit of the theological seminary having the vacation, shall place not more than two names in nomination." These nominations are then placed before the general convention, which elects.

Naturally, details have not been worked out, as to the number of units there will be, whether there shall be the sort of specialization which the **Report** suggests, or what arrangement there shall be as to over-all heads of the theological seminary, and so on. For the time being, all that is necessary is to establish the basic principles. When they have been approved, it will be possible to fill in the details.

We are frank to state that we have no idea what reaction in the four negotiating Churches to this proposal will be. It surely is a new line of approach to a tremendously important subject. It appears to us that it is a workable plan, one which gives promise of providing the new Church with a strong theological seminary and one which will be versatile enough to meet the needs of so large a body. Let the plan be carefully and prayerfully studied!

Thy Kingdom Come

SKETCHES FROM A SUMMER IN COLOMBIA

By F. W. Thomsen

XV. Tunja

In the drizzling cold rain of an early Sunday morning we stood on a Bogota street corner waiting for the bus to Tunja, a city built in the Andes 8000 feet above sea level. By the time we reached Tunja's plaza at 11 o'clock the sun was shining, but the temperature was only 55 degrees which is usual there the year around.

At noon we had dinner with Elizabeth Heerde and Valborg Torkelson, who had been living for two years in Tunja and had been doing fine mission work there. After dinner we were shown the chapel where the marks of bullets were still in the windows and doors. Fanatical priests had been the instigators of the persecution.

In contrast there was the story of a wealthy and influential Catholic woman who became acquainted with the two missionaries during the time that her daughter was taking instruction in English at the mission. At one of the meetings held by the fanatics to lay plans for the stoning of the mission, this courageous woman stood up and boldly announced that no longer could they attack the missionaries, who were now prepared and had the American flag. If the fanatics trespassed, she said, they would be in trouble with the United States. Next day she appeared at the mission, excitedly asking if they had an American flag! They didn't.

She also told the group of fanatics that her children had recently returned from the United States and were

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Some Important Notes

the children in our Colored homes in the South are nearly two grades ahead of their parents.

In the recent survey of 17 southern counties entitled "THESE MY BRETHREN", information was secured as to the grade in school completed by 4390 parents. The same information was secured regarding their children who had stopped school or were through school.

The average grade completed by the 4390 parents was 7.0. The average grade completed by their children was 8.8. The children were nearly two grades ahead of their parents.

In each generation exceeds the preceding one by two. In the schools we can see progress ahead.

This survey is being distributed by the Rural Department, Drew Seminary, Madison, New Jersey. It is entitled, "These My Brethren."

The wives in these families were a little more than one grade ahead of their husbands. The average grade completed in school by the husbands was 6.4, by the wives it was 7.5.

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Every few days a passenger train dies. In each case the obituary is about the same, "The short-haul passenger" preferred his automobile. Seventeen passenger trains were discontinued in Tennessee alone during the last four years.

Some of the nation's railroads are losing money on their passenger service.

The short-haul passenger has gone from the railroads. Local trains are on their death beds. The automobile is not run on a fixed schedule, but at the convenience of the passenger, so we "take the car." This is the automobile era. Our automobiles could make it possible for us to have large interesting rural churches. Ninety-five per cent of our rural schools are consolidated. The Rural Department, Drew Seminary, Madison, N. J., is distributing a bulletin on "Cooperative Churches."

Ordinarily a pastor needs to serve an average of 333 members in order to get a living wage. The little horse-drawn buggy parish or the old one-mule church, like the short-haul passenger train is on its way out. We need larger rural churches.

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As high school commencement time draws near we must remind ourselves that 63 per cent of all ministerial students decide for the ministry before they graduate from high school.

These facts were revealed in a survey of 1978 ministerial students who came from 48 states and represent 10 of the major denominations.

This same study shows that 83.5 per cent of the factors which tend to keep men out of the ministry are simply because no person, no pastor, no teacher, or no parent is leading them in that direction. Only 5 per cent of these

1978 ministerial students said their Sunday School teacher had ever spoken to them about giving their lives to full-time Christian work.

This study to determine the factors which influence men to enter the ministry is being distributed by the Rural Department, Drew Seminary, Madison, New Jersey.

One ministerial student gave a typical answer, "No one ever talked with me about going into the ministry until I asked about it."

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It doesn't make our pastor's wife's back feel any better after spending seven hours a week washing dishes over a sink that is too low to tell her that she has an "average sink." She doesn't enjoy that kind of an "average backache."

One parsonage kitchen sink out of six is too low according to a study made by the Rural Department, Drew Seminary, Madison, N. J.

If there is no storage closet for kitchen utensils, it doesn't make the pastor's wife feel any better to tell her that one-third of all parsonages are like hers and have no place in the kitchen to store things.

With the help of 1,171 pastors' wives, "standard equipment for a parsonage" has been printed by the above department under the title, "The Home of the Rural Pastor" and is being sent out upon request.

In one state the parsonages were only insured for 41 per cent of their replacement value. Let's not burn them down, but modernize them.

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Mr. H. L. Mitchel, a Negro rural pastor in Gates County, North Carolina travelled 15,596 miles last year serving his three churches with 970 members, and the rest of the Negro farmers in his County. He met with 16 4-H Clubs with a total attendance of 559. He is secretary of a Credit Union of 260 members which he organized in 1945 and which has loaned out over \$40,000. He organized the Gates County Education Association which has worked with the whites in building two new large consolidated schools for Negro youth. In 1951 he went with his farmers to another county and brought back three truck loads of heifer calves in order to produce more milk for the children of his county.

Mr. Mitchell feels that justice can come to the Negro race through understanding and tolerance and is happy because the Negro people of Gates County are reaching their goals without lawsuits. He finds it easy to move from a baptismal service to a 4-H Club meeting, from checking on the boll weevil to preaching on sin.

His life and work, with 20 other successful Negro pastors, is described in a new bulletin entitled "Go Down, Moses" which is being sent out on request by the Rural Department, Drew Seminary, Madison, N. J.

PAGES FOR YOUTH

Homer Larsen, Editor

What You Need to Know

I Corinthians 2:2

In time of trouble how wise we would be if we simply stopped pretending that we knew so much. Paul had to command this quarreling, bickering church at Corinth, "Why don't you stop arguing so much about what you think you know? Don't you know that God has decided to destroy the wisdom of the wise?"

Unfortunately we are not often wise enough to be ignorant. We take great pains to fill our minds with nonsense. Master Worldly Wiseman steps right out of "Pilgrim's Progress" with a friendly greeting—we meet him every day. He says, "How now, good fellow, whither away after this burdened manner?" And when you answer that you are seeking the Kingdom of God, he says, "Come now, don't bother your head about that, when there are so many more interesting things in life to occupy your time."

We know too much, but we don't know anything well enough. Paul is trying to tell us to know nothing, except—He is not calling for stupidity; he is asking us to empty our minds for a moment in order to know one thing really well—the one thing that really matters.

We often wonder, why do we spend so much time each year—forty whole days—just to meditate on one thing in Lent? Doesn't it seem to be a bit of an exaggeration? But think of these words of Paul, "know nothing except Jesus Christ and him crucified." We are to know nothing else but that; if we were to be successful in such an undertaking we would need much more than forty days.

But why that one thing? A few decades before this statement of Paul was made, the chief priests would have predicted that the crucifixion of Christ would be the one thing that the followers of Jesus would want to forget. Yet Paul says here that it is the one thing that he wants to remember.

Oh, how unsearchable is the mind of God! The most fearful day, the burning shame and disgrace, the confusion and anguish of mind, the frantic crowd crying for crucifixion, have been turned into the greatest hymn of joy. God has truly chosen what is foolish in the world to shame the wise. What a wonder it is to know nothing but Christ, because that is to know all. That is to be filled from the richest well of wisdom and joy.

Could we think on this too much in these short forty days? Is it true that we do not have time enough to meditate on the one thing worth knowing? No! We must affirm that it is a priceless privilege to come back to Christ once more, to see him as he treads tirelessly the rugged trails of Canaan, as he heals the sick and counsels the searching minds, as he struggles with those who are possessed and nobly faces those who accuse him. Can our hearts help but glow as he turns to Jerusalem with the deepest calm and approaches his greater sacrifice for us without wavering? This humiliation must not be an embarrassment for us because it is our only hope. For this one great pearl of fellowship in the Kingdom of Christ we must be willing to sell all we have. This is the wisdom that sets at naught all of the wisdom of this world.

But what is it to be wise? What does it mean to save time? Hieronymus Bosch has painted an unforgettable picture of a miser on his death bed. It shows an angel pointing out for the miser a crucifix silhouetted in a window while an imp is trying to hand him a bag of gold. The miser hesitates. At this very moment death is seen opening the door. Oh, that the pearl of great price might be precious to him now!

Do you know how to be wise?

Edward Eskildsen

YOUNG PEOPLE MEET FRIENDS IN BOOKS TOO!

FACE YOUR LIFE WITH CONFIDENCE by William E. Hulme

Subtitled "Counsels for Youth," this book contains fifty-one informal, intimate conversations with typical young people on problems common to youth. Understanding, sympathetic approach, not "preachy." Prentice-Hall, 232 pages, \$2.75.

BEYOND TODAY by Rolf Thomassen, translated from the Norwegian by Torgrim and Linda Hannaas.

A spastic cripple, possessing unusual artistic ability, a keen mind, and a vital faith in Christ, gives a challenging account of his life, of his constant struggle to express himself in spite of the shackles put on his spirit by a handicapped body. Augsburg, 164 pages, \$2.50.

THE SECRET OF BEAUTIFUL LIVING by Oswald Riess

A book for devotional reading which lifts the reader out of the despair and fear of this present day into the joy, hope, love, and peace of a life lived in the power of Christ. Concordia, 134 pages, \$1.50.

THE IRANIAN by Elizabeth Patton Moss

Locale of this novel is northeast Iran, home of rugged hard-riding Moslem tribesmen. The New Testament which young Akbar carries in his sash as he rides to take command of his tribe on the death of his father, their leader, brings a new type of adventure. Muhlenberg, 263 pages, \$3.00.

MARTIN LUTHER by Alfred Th. Jorgensen, translated from Danish by R. M. Jensen.

A popularized presentation, for the average reader, of the great mass of documented histories on Luther, with an emphasis on the main concepts of his most important writings. Augsburg, 222 pages, \$3.00.

CALPEL AND CROSS IN HONAN by Casper C. Skinsnes, M.D.

The colorful autobiography of a veteran of more than three decades of selfless medical missionary service. Gripping stories of the administering of physical aid in the love of Christ. Augsburg, 254 pages, \$3.50.

TRY, THE BELOVED COUNTRY by Alan Paton

A moving, human story from South Africa which gives understanding of the problems of native workers who come from the country to find work in the cities where poor housing, vice, and racial prejudice face them. Scribner's, 273 pages, \$3.00.

MARCH TO WIN by Oscar C. Hanson

Challenging chapters, each a unit in itself, stirring young Christians to cross-bearing discipleship. Bible Banner Press, 99 pages, \$1.50.

OD'S WORD IN MAN'S LANGUAGE by Eugene Nida
Dr. Nida, translation secretary for the American Bible Society, tells of the arduous work done by Christian missionaries to give the Bible to nations and tribes speaking more than 1,000 languages. Harper and Brothers, 192 pages, \$2.50.

CROSS THE SEAS, Leroy Allen

A Navy tale for teen-agers. Three young fellows aboard a U. S. destroyer crack a Communist spy ring. Zondervan, 150 pages, \$2.00.

Note: The above books may be ordered from the Lutheran Publishing House, Blair, Nebraska.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT L. L. CONVENTION

"Rejoice the Lord is King!" was the theme of the 38th annual Minnesota District Luther League Convention at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Evan, Minn., April 23-25.

It was voted that two scholarships of \$50 each be granted by the District Luther League; one to a freshman and the other to a junior attending Dana college. These scholarships are to be awarded to students who have been active members of the Luther League as authenticated by their pastor, and who are selected by the faculty on the basis of worthiness, and superiority of intellectual, moral and spiritual qualifications. To be awarded in the year 1954 these scholarships will apply on tuition for the year 1954-'55.

Revised to a one-page news letter, the "Leegers Eko" will be sent by one of the executive officers no less than every other month.

As guest speaker, Rev. George Robertson, Synodical Youth Director of Royal, Iowa, spoke on the topic, "He Has Commissioned You" at the banquet Saturday evening.

Officers for the coming year will be president, Rev.

Norlan Hanson, Owatonna; vice-president, Rev. John W. Nielsen, Northfield; secretary, Rosemary Raben, Albert Lea; and treasurer, Harold Jensen, Evan, Minnesota.

Correction: An article appearing in the Ansgar Lutheran a few weeks ago was printed as written by Mary Gordon, Poy Sippi, Wis. Rather Miss Gordon is from Washington Island, Wis.

Pella Lutheran Church, Selma, California. Rev. A. Husted-Christensen, Pastor.

The annual Lutheran Youth Fellowship spring banquet was held Sunday night, April 25, at 6:30 at Pella Lutheran church, with the Rev. Cyril Lucas, Negro Lutheran pastor from Oakland as the speaker. The theme of the meeting was "Wings of Youth," with Neil Holding of Caruthers as toastmaster. One hundred fifty-seven young people attended.

The speaker, whose subject was "Flying High", is a native of the British West Indies, a graduate of Cambridge University in England, and a former attorney-at-law in New York City. He is pastor of the Harbor Homes all-negro Lutheran church in Oakland and just last Saturday observed the ground-breaking ceremony for a second church there.

Dick Wick of Fresno read scripture and offered prayer and Richard Peterson, Selma League president, gave the greeting of welcome. Dick Beck, L. Y. F. president, called the roll of leagues. Two numbers, "On the Beam" and "Smooth Flying," were sung by the Reedley Junior College Quartet composed of Bob Nielsen of Selma, John Rogalsky, Roy Gosen and Stan Huebert, all of Reedley. Carl Kronberg of the Fresno High school music department led group singing.

The Rev. Victor Magnussen of Easton announced that sessions at Camp Sierra will be conducted from June 19 to 26 and that the next quarterly L. Y. F. rally will be held on June 27, tentatively at Grace Lutheran church in Fresno.

The program committee was composed of Warren Jacobsen and Dick Beck of Caruthers. Responsible for decorating were Miss Arline Jacobsen, Miss Audry Hart and Richard Jacobsen of Fresno.

Pastor Philip Jordan of the Trinity Lutheran church in Fresno is advisor of the group which comprises Luther Leagues from Bakersfield to Stockton.

Mrs. A. W. Sorensen was in charge of preparing and serving the banquet, assisted by Mrs. John Andersen, Mrs. Arthur Jensen, Mrs. Warren Johnsen, Mrs. Anton Lund, Mrs. Willard Nielsen, Mrs. Emil Rasmussen and Mrs. Sam Smith, all of Selma. Head waitress was Mrs. Ralph Jorgensen who was assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Anderson, Mrs. A. H. Christensen and Mrs. Oscar Tobiasen and Mr. Jorgensen.

BY THE FIRESIDE

DELIVER ME

From prayer that asks that I may be
Sheltered from winds that beat on
Thee,
From fearing when I should aspire,
From faltering when I should climb
higher,
From silken self, O Captain, free
Thy soldier who would follow Thee.

From subtle love of softening things,
From easy choices, weakenings
(Not thus are spirits fortified,
Not this way went the Crucified),
From all that dims Thy Calvary,
O Lamb of God, deliver me.

Give me the love that leads the way,
The faith that nothing can dismay,
The hope no disappointments tire,
The passion that will burn like fire;
Let me not sink to be a clod:
Make me Thy fuel, Flame of God.

—Amy Carmichael

A COUPLE OF ADDRESSES

No news, they say, is good news, but usually good news is not news at all unless it is tinged with drama. Thus it is that honest people and honest acts, unless they are honest acts of very important people, do not always break into the news.

So we want to remind you of—

The young girl who gave up a chance at the big prize in a spelling bee by telling the judges herself she had spelled a word wrong; The golfer who looked at his posted tournament score and saw that he was credited with a lower score than he had made; he corrected his score and cut himself out of a larger prize;

The mother who returned to a bank \$2000 which her daughter had found on the floor with a note that read: "... We teach our children never to take what is not theirs ..."

Now we have a sneaking suspicion that this sort of honesty occurs more than people realize. It just does not always make the news, because the occasions are not always colorful. We are not paging Pollyanna, but if that cynical old Greek is still around with his lamp, we can give him a couple of addresses just the same. —Wall Street Journal.

IT'S YOUR TREE, TOO!

The church stands like a mighty oak. Its friendly branches reach out over a wide area, affording shade and rest for many persons in many lands.

Some of us take this tree for granted, forgetting that someone planted it, cultivated and protected it in order that it might grow and spread its benefits.

Others are mindful of its usefulness and willing to rest in its shade, yet contribute nothing to stimulate its growth.

We must realize that it is our tree . . . my tree . . . your tree, and that it will grow in usefulness and service if we will all do our part in taking care of it.

—From the Men's Work Newsletter, October, 1952.

"HE LIVES"

Luther was once found at a moment of peril and fear, when he had need to grasp unseen strength, sitting in an abstracted mood tracing on the table with his finger the words "Vivit! vivit!" ("He lives! He lives!") It is our hope for ourselves, and for his truth, and for mankind. Men come and go; leaders, teachers, thinkers speak and work for a season, and then fall silent and impotent. He abides. They die, but he lives. They are lights kindled, and therefore, sooner or later quenched; but he is the true light from which they draw all their brightness, and he shines forevermore.

—Alexander Maclaren.

BRIDGES

She was a tiny girl, unused to traveling, and it happened that in the course of the day her train crossed two branches of a river and several wide streams.

The water, seen in advance, always awakened doubts and fears in the child's mind.

As they drew near the river, however, a bridge appeared.

Two or three times the same thing happened, and finally the child leaned back with a long sigh of relief.

"Somebody has put bridges for us all the way," she said.

That is how we find it in life.

God has built bridges for us all the way. Christ is the Way.—Selected.

HELLO, CENTRAL!

An elderly lady whose interests and activities increased as she grew older had been giving her telephone a real

whining ding until progress caught up with her in the form of the dial system. She protested bitterly that she could never learn to use the new tangled thingamajig. To prove her simple dialing really is, the telephone man suggested she try some number she frequently called. She thought of her broker. After a good deal of prompting, she got the number and decided somewhat reluctantly, that it might work out.

Two weeks later, her son got a call at his office from an exasperated senior partner at the brokerage house. "Jack," he sputtered, "I have relayed your mother's grocery orders. I have made her appointments with the hairdresser. I have even transmitted her acceptance of 3 invitations to tea parties, but now I draw the line. She positively refuse to solicit contributions to her church cake sale. Either she learns to dial some other number besides mine, or she gets herself a new broker."—Long Lines.

A GOOD SERMON!

During the blitz an old London lady refused to move from the top front room, where she had lived for twenty years, to a safer place. Her explanation was: "I says my prayers to God every night and I goes to sleep. There's no need for us both to keep awake."

HOWLER

A schoolboy's essay on clergymen included the following: "There are three kinds of Clergymen—Bishops, Rectors, and Curates. The Bishops tell the Rectors to work and the Curates have to do it. A Curate is a thin married man, but when he is a Rector he gets fuller and can preach longer sermons, and becomes a good man."

FRIENDLY TERMS

Two farmers were talking things over.

Said one, "I hear you sold your pig."

"Yep. Sold it this morning," was the answer.

"What did you get for it?" asked the first farmer.

"Eight dollars."

"That doesn't sound like much," the first farmer commented. "What did it cost you to raise it?"

"Paid \$3 for it and \$5 for its feed," the second farmer answered.

"Didn't make much, did you?"

"Nope," was the cheerful answer, "but I had its company all summer."

—Christian Herald

Announcements (From page 6)

F. O. Lund of Sioux City, Iowa, will be instructors at the camp Bible study sessions. Cost for the term of the camp is \$10. Complete detailed information is being sent all pastors of the Nebraska District.

NORTH DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT

The North Dakota-Montana District Convention will be held in the Luverne Lutheran Church, Luverne, North Dakota, June 10-13 incl. Every congregation is encouraged to send a full quota of delegates. For each twenty-five members or fraction thereof, congregations are entitled to one delegate. In addition we are hoping to see many guests from all parts of the District. The convention theme will be: "The Living Church Marches On."

Pastor Edwin W. Petrusson, Pres.
Pastor Silas Larsen, Sec'y

Convention Invitation: Luverne Lutheran Church of Luverne, North Dakota, extends a cordial invitation to all delegates, pastors, and guests to come to the North Dakota-Montana District Convention to be held here June 10-13 incl. Lodging will be furnished free of charge by the host congregation and meals will be served at the church. Reservations for lodging should be sent in advance by mail or wire to Mr. S. M. Ellington.

Luverne Lutheran Church,
Gordon Svenningsson, Secretary
Kenneth H. Petersen, Pastor

The Annual Convention

Preparations are rapidly taking shape for the National Convention to be held at Audubon, June 15 to 20. The various committees on housing, meals, transportation, registration, publicity, etc. are busy getting all of the details worked out for what is expected to be one of the biggest conventions in our synod. The meals will be served in the church parlors by the ladies of the church. The breakfast and supper meals will be served cafeteria style and the noon meal will be served family style. The business meetings will be held in the City Hall about one-half block from the church and all of the devotional meetings will be held in the church auditorium. The various committee rooms for the convention will be located in the parish hall. Early registration is urgently requested in order to make the necessary arrangements for lodging, etc. If you plan to attend the convention, please notify Mrs. E. V. Magnussen, Circle Drive, Audubon, Iowa, giving full details as to the number in your party, date of arrival, etc. A convenient registration blank appears elsewhere in this publication.

Dr. Hans Jersild, synodical president, came to Audubon recently to check the progress in preparation for the convention and expressed satisfaction with all of the facilities and arrangements being made.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

(Mail to Mrs. E. V. Magnussen,
Audubon, Iowa)

Name

Address

Couple () Man () Woman ()

No. of Children ()

Will arrive (date)

Will leave (date)

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Desire transportation from Atlantic ()

Carroll () A.M. P.M.

Will attend banquet:

WMS () ; LL () ; LB ()

am: Pastor () Delegate () Guest ()

Church I represent:

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There is daily bus service to Audubon via Avis Bus Lines from Des Moines at 5:20 A.M. There is no regular service to Au-

dubon from Atlantic, Carroll or Omaha.

The host congregation is arranging transportation from the rail and bus depots in Atlantic and Carroll provided you notify them of the date and hour of arrival. Re-

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Northfield, Minn., St. Peter's Luth. Church	238.28		120.00	40.00	40.00			38.28
Morgan, Minn., Bethany Luth. Sunday school	246.76		125.00	40.00	40.00			41.76
Clifton, Ill., Zion Ev. Luth. Church	13.20				6.60			6.60
Clifton, Ill., Oliver L. Rasmussen in memory of Mrs. Bernice Rasmussen	60.00		60.00					
Clifton, Ill., Zion Ev. Luth. Church	25.00		25.00					
Saxeville, Wis., St. John's Luth. Church	371.00			371.00				
Easton, Calif., Immanuel Luth. Church	129.50		60.00	25.00	25.00			19.50
Beresford, S. D., in memory of Herman Jacobs: J. E. and Minnie Voegeli, Mr. and Mrs. R. Bovil and James Feddersen, each \$1	200.00			200.00				
Bloomington, Minn., Trinity Luth. Church, Easter offering	3.00				3.00			
Bloomington, Minn., Trinity Luth. Church, Lenten Boxes	92.51		92.51					
Viborg, S. D., Spring Valley Luth. Church	50.40				50.40			
Northfield, Minn., Pastor and Mrs. John W. Nielsen	115.70		50.00	21.90	21.90			21.90
Minden, Nebr., Bethany Luth. Church	20.00		5.00		10.00			5.00
Cushing, Nebr., St. John's Luth. Church	35.41				35.41			
Graettinger, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church	79.33		50.00					29.33
Marcus, Ia., Nazareth Luth. Church, Lenten Service collection	139.91		100.91		39.00			
Redvers, Sask., Canada, Dannevirke Luth. Church	15.45							15.45
Dickson, Alberta, Can., Bethany Luth. Church	200.00		200.00					
Standard, Alberta, Can., Nazareth Luth. Church	89.40		89.40					
Albert Lea, Minn., Trinity Luth. Sunday school	351.80		150.00	51.80	75.00			75.00
Albert Lea, Minn., Trinity Luth. Church	47.61					47.61		
Falmouth, Me., Emmaus Luth. Church March Mission money	665.57		665.57					
Falmouth, Me., Emmaus Luth. Church April Mission money	22.20		22.20					
Falmouth, Me., Emmaus Luth. Church Mission envelopes \$7.60, special offering \$53.70	23.59				12.88			10.71
Avoca, Ia., Ladies Aid of English Luth. Church	61.30		61.30					
Northgate, N. D., Community Luth. Church	125.00		125.00					
Ord, Nebr., Bethany Luth. Church	29.25		29.25					
Omaha, Nebr., Pella Luth. Church	127.87		77.87		50.00			
Easton, Calif., Immanuel Luth. Church	300.00		300.00					
Ringsted, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church	193.34		193.34					
Coulter, Ia., Nazareth Luth. Church	532.00		250.00	90.00	102.00			90.00
Portland, Ore., Bethany Luth. Church	498.23		250.00	80.00	88.23			80.00
North Luck, Wis., St. Peter's Ladies Aid	250.38		125.00	40.00	45.38			40.00
Beresford, S. D., Lutheran Brotherhood in memory of Wm. Larson	5.00				5.00			
Sidney, Mich., Immanuel Luth. Church	3.00				3.00			
Sidney, Mich., Miss Joan Lavery	277.50		150.00	40.00	47.50			40.00
Luck, Wis., Luck Luth. Church, an offering	40.00		20.00	10.00	10.00			
Luck, Wis., Willing Workers in memory of Mr. Skov Nielsen, Mrs. Hilma Johnson and Adolph J. Nielsen	51.62				51.62			
Luck, Wis., in memory of Alfred J. Nielsen: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Christensen and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Christensen	6.00				6.00			
Farmington, Minn., Farmington Luth. Church	2.00				2.00			
Easton, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Petersen in memory of Isaac Hansen, Sidney, Mont.	472.24		300.00	100.00	72.24			
Winnipeg, Man., Canada, First Danish Luth. Church	5.00				5.00			
Clinton, Wis., Pella Luth. Church	100.00		50.00	25.00	25.00			

* Cedar Falls, Ia., in memory of Mrs. Mary Grau: Miss Hannah Hansen 50 cents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nelson, Iver Fogdahl and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hansen each \$1, Anna Andersen and Mrs. N. P. J. Nielsen \$1, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Hansen \$1.50, Mr. and Mrs. Hans C. Smith \$2, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jacobsen \$2, Mrs. Anna Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Jarnagin, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Evans, all of Storm Lake, Ia., Miss Frieda Olsen, Skull Valley, Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Rutledge, Waseca, Minn., \$15. Total \$25.00 to the Indian Mission.

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May 17, 1954		THE ANSGAR LUTHERAN						15
ard, Nebr., Emmaus Luth. Church	105.45							105.45
Deer, Alberta, Can., Mr. and Mrs. Ejler Castella in memory of Peter Mosgaard, Dickson, Can.	3.00					3.00		
ar, Alberta, Can., Our Savior's Luth. Sunday school	7.86							
ey, Calif., Ebenezer Sunday school	26.75			7.86				
er, Ia., Bethany Luth. Sunday school	9.35							26.75
and, Ia., Trinity Luth. Church	150.00							9.35
st Lea, Minn., Trinity Luth. Sunday school	47.61			47.61				150.00
h, Colo., Pastor and Mrs. J. Elling in memory of Mrs. Mar-								
in Olsen	5.00							5.00
ngate, N. D., Sunday school of Community Luth. Church	10.00							10.00
ngate, N. D., Community Luth. Church	12.00							12.00
ton, N. D., United Luth. Sunday school	71.25							71.25
City, Ia., Our Savior's Luth. Church	92.50	25.00		42.50	25.00			
Horn, Ia., Mrs. Anna K. Olsen of Our Savior's Church,								
Council Bluffs	5.00							5.00
na, Nebr., Pella Luth. Church	16.00							16.00
hfield, Minn., St. Peter's Luth. S. S. for support of Rebecca	60.00			60.00				
n a Friend	100.00	33.00			33.00	34.00		
e, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church	200.00							200.00
ago, Ill., Atonement Ladies Aid in memory of Trine Iverson	5.00				5.00			
ago, Ill., Atonement Luth. S. S. for Munchi Tudu	50.00			50.00				
land, Ore., Bethany Luth. Church	180.05							180.05
ey, Mich., Immanuel Luth. Church	40.00	10.00	10.00		10.00		10.00	
ippi, Wis., First English Luth. Church	182.00							182.00
mare, N. D., Nazareth Luth. Ladies Aid	20.00				20.00			
Wis., Luck Luth. Church, gifts by members of the congr.	38.00							38.00
Wis., in memory of Mrs. Skov Nielsen from relatives and								
Friends	11.00			11.00				
Wis., in memory of Mrs. Hilma Johnson: Mr. and Mrs.								
Magnus Hansen \$1, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Giller \$1	2.00			2.00				
hfield, Minn., Pastor and Mrs. John W. Nielsen in memory								
of Chris Sorensen, Albert Lea	1.00							1.00
ballton, Ia., Bethany S. S. for Mrs. Inadomi's work	25.00	25.00						
len, Nebr., Mrs. Anna Jensen	4.00		2.00			2.00		
TOTAL		69334.92	16645.95	11957.27	13990.35	13191.07	1015.05	456.54
								11630.69
								448.00

CHURCH AND SCHOOL DRIVE					Received with thanks.			
	Total	Dana	Church					
	Received	Building	Exten-					
		Fund	sion Fd.					
Monthly acknowledged	210463.81	126134.55	84329.26		Blair, Nebraska, May 8, 1954.			
Man. Minn., Bethany Luth. S. S.	6.60		6.60		H. J. Hansen, Treas.			
Total	210470.41	126134.55	84335.86					

THY KINGDOM COME		Dana		Church	
(Continued from page 8)		Building		Exten-	
		Fund		sion Fd.	
stoned there. She announced to the group that she					
uld go to the mission house whenever she pleased.					
es promise she kept and continues to visit the women					
the mission, but comes in disguise to avoid trouble.					
husband is a high government official; her son is					
army officer. This little incident points to the fact					
t there are also many fine, clear-thinking Catholics					
Colombia.					
As the young missionary women related these events					
us, we sensed their glowing Christian faith. We were					
ch impressed when they expressed the deep and sin-					
e thought that God's hand had been moving and was					
ecting this change for the better.					
Since the change in government high school students					
ve felt free to come to the mission and are doing so.					
hough steeped in their own traditions and finding					
ifficult to change, they do sense something new and					
od in the evangelical gospel. Often they sit in the					
io and discuss Christian truths with the missionaries.					
That Sunday afternoon, at about two o'clock, the peo-					
gathered for a communion service. During the meet-					
a woman gave a beautiful and intelligent testimony,					
ing how she had received the Gospel of Luke while					
rking in a pharmacy. At first her friends could not					
ieve that she was truly experiencing an awakening					

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